

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended): A coating composition, used for film coating of pharmaceutical cores containing a drug, said composition comprising:  
  
a film-forming material comprising methacrylic acid copolymers, polymethacrylate-methylmethacrylate copolymers, ~~alkyl celluloses~~ methyl cellulose, hydroxyalkylcelluloses or mixtures thereof, in combination with a high-viscosity swellable polymer; and  
  
optionally other ingredients for coating including lubricants, plasticizers and channeling agents.
2. (cancelled)
3. (currently amended): The composition of claim 2 1, wherein the dry weight of the film forming polymer applied is up to a maximum of 30% of the weight of the core.
4. (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the high viscosity swellable polymer comprises carbopol, carragennan, polyvinyl alcohol, cellulosic polymers or other suitable high viscosity gums.
5. (original): The composition of claim 4, wherein the swellable polymer is present from 0.1 to 20% w/w of the dry weight of film forming polymer.
6. (original): The composition of claim 4, wherein high viscosity swellable polymer is carbopol.
7. (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein channeling agents are included and are selected from the group consisting of lactose, starch, talc and mixtures thereof.
8. (original): The composition of claim 7, wherein the channeling agent is present in an amount up to 100% of the dry weight of polymers.
9. (original): The composition of claim 8, wherein the channeling agent is present in an amount up to 60% of the dry weight of polymers.
10. (original): The composition of claim 9, wherein the channeling agent is present in an amount up to 30% of the dry weight of polymers.

11. (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the lubricants are present and are selected from the group consisting of talc, glyceryl monostearate, magnesium stearate, colloidal silica and mixtures thereof.
12. (original): The composition of claim 11, wherein the lubricant is present in an amount up to 200% of the dry weight of the film forming polymer.
13. (original): The composition of claim 12, wherein the lubricant is present in an amount up to 100% of the dry weight of the film forming polymer.
14. (original): The composition of claim 1, wherein the plasticisers are incorporated in the film and are selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol, acetylated monoglycerides, glyceryl monostearate, glyceryl triacetate, acetyl triethylcitrate, triethylcitrate, dibutyl phthalate, dibutyl sebacate and mixtures thereof.
15. (original): The composition of claim 14, wherein the plasticizer is present in an amount up to 40% of the dry weight of film forming polymer.
16. (original): The composition of claim 15, wherein the plasticizer is polyethylene glycol (PEG).
17. (original): The composition of claim 1, which includes 0.5 to 30% of the dry weight of the polymers by weight of the cores.
18. (original): The composition of claim 14, wherein the coated particles are formulated as sprinkles, dry powder, liquitabs, suspension, emulsion, or as whole, chewable, or dispersible tablet, or any other suitable oral dosage forms.